

Subject: Dakota County Electronic Crimes Task Force JPA

Meeting Date: April 24, 2023	
Submitted/Presented by/Department: Brian Sturgeon, Chief of Police	
Action Type	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent Item	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion/Direction
<input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing	<input type="checkbox"/> Informational Only
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action/Motion	<input type="checkbox"/> Report
<input type="checkbox"/> Resolution	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Action	
Approve the attached Dakota County Electronic Crimes Task Force JPA.	
Background	
<p>Since 2014, West St Paul Police Department has been a part of the Dakota County Electronic Crimes Task Force when Council approved the first JPA with the Task Force. This Task Force is responsible for investigating illegal activities related to the use of electronic devices, the Internet, and materials transmitted or used in electronic form. They are experts at evaluating electronic devices to retrieve evidence in order to prosecute crimes.</p> <p>The attached JPA is similar to the previous versions except for the budgeting section. Instead of having specific yearly contributions noted in the document, the wording was changed to similar funding language in other JPA's that states the JPA Board will adopt a budget by April that specifies the member's financial contribution for the following year.</p>	
Attachments	
JPA	
Previous Relevant Actions	
The Council has approved the JPA since 2014.	
Alternatives	
<p>If we do not participate in this JPA, electronic devices would go to the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for evidence retrieval and that could take over a year to get evidence returned to the West St. Paul Police Department. The turn around time at the Dakota County Electronic Crimes Task Force is much quicker, sometimes just a day or two for serious offenses such as homicides.</p>	
Financial	
Budgeted: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No Financial Impact

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Fund: 101	
Department: 42100	
Account: 40399	
Amount: TBD	